

## BRYAN DISPOSES OF SEVERAL RUMORS

**Not Candidate For Presidency Unless Conditions Demand It, He Says**

Lincoln, Neb., March 13.—Should William J. Bryan's nomination for the presidency be "demanded under certain conditions he would feel it his duty to consider it," he said in a statement issued here tonight. He does not desire the nomination, but feels that he owes it to progressive democracy to help the party's National convention "to help in opposing the reactionaries and friends of the saloon," according to the statement.

Mr. Bryan's statement took the form of a personal answer to requests that he enter the presidential race. He said he "recognized to be the duty of the citizen to respond to call of his country in peace or war."

"If the situation became such that my nomination was actually demanded, as in time of war a soldier's life is demanded on the battlefield—I would feel I should consider it," he said.

"I hope that no such situation will arise and I do not now see any possibility that such a situation will arise."

Mr. Bryan said the demands of public life for thirty years had deprived him of the companionship of his family and that he now desired "to look forward to a few years of uninterrupted happiness at home" where he could devote his time to literary work. He added that he had not lost interest in public questions, but preferred to aid young men to "carry on the people's cause."

"We have great issues before us," he said, "and mighty work for those who are willing to put the welfare of the public above their own ease and comfort and risk all in the protection of the common people from the assaults of privilege."

Besides not desiring the nomination, I think it is my duty to the progressive Democrats of the nation to go as a delegate to the National convention, if Nebraska demands it, and aid them in opposing the reactionaries and friends of the saloons. This is my position and I conclude with a heart overflowing with gratitude for the loyalty and confidence which my friends have manifested."

## PRISONERS BREAK FOR LIBERTY; ONE IS SHOT

**Two Escape From Cumberland Jail While Another Is Injured By Officer**

Fayetteville, March 13.—A negro prisoner named Hotchkiss was shot by Deputy Sheriff Al Pate when three inmates of the Cumberland county jail made a break for liberty here at 10 o'clock tonight. The other men, like Evans, negro, charged with murder and a white man, awaiting trial for automobile theft, escaped.

Pate was attacked by Hotchkiss. A negro trusty came to the aid of the deputy and the three men struggled from the door of the jail into the street before Pate could get his gun into play. The negro is not dangerously wounded.

The three men saved lives from their cells. Hotchkiss occupied a cell with Evans, who is the most important of the three. He killed Tom Keever, negro, in a card game here Christmas day, and was captured by Pate and Sheriff McGaughy a month later.

A white prisoner named Autry, charged with automobile stealing, is thought to have planned the escape and was removed to the city lockup. County officials received warning of an intended jail delivery some time ago.

## The Weather

Local Office, United States Weather Bureau.

**FORECAST.**  
Raleigh, N. C., March 13, 1920.

North Carolina: Fair Sunday, continued cold; Monday fair, warmer.

**TEMPERATURE.**

Highest temperature ..... 56  
Lowest temperature ..... 39  
Mean temperature ..... 45  
Deficiency for the day ..... 47  
Average daily deficiency since January 1st ..... 3.4

**PRECIPITATION (in inches.)**

Amount for the 24 hours ending at 8 p. m. ..... 0.80  
Total for the month to date ..... 2.16  
Excess for the month ..... 0.68  
Excess since January 1st ..... 0.73

**HUMIDITY.**

8 a.m. 12 m. 8 p.m.  
Dry bulb ..... 56 41 39  
Wet bulb ..... 65 49 35  
Rel. humidity ..... 98 92 65

**PRESSURE.**

(Reduced to sea level.)

8 a.m. 29.45 8 p.m. 29.99

Sunrise. 6:26 a.m. Sunset. 6:00 p.m.

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## NEGRO KNOCKED IN HEAD BY ROBBERS

**Stranger Found Unconscious in Road Near Waterworks; Skull Is Crushed**

Unconscious from a blow on the back of the head and with pockets ransacked, an unknown negro man about 60 years old was found lying in the middle of the highway near the waterworks last night by police who were called to the scene. The old man was assaulted for the purpose of robbery, is the belief of officers who started an investigation at once.

The body was found lying on its back directly across the road. Marks in the dirt revealed that he had been assaulted on the side of the highway and the body then dragged to the center of the road. It is assumed that the man's assailant placed the body in the road to make it appear that the old negro was a victim of an auto wreck.

A broken sack of meal, walking cane and an empty milk cooler were found by the side of the road where the negro was struck.

The body was seen by people in a passing auto which narrowly missed running over it. Captain Warren and Officer Mangum responded to the call for help. They carried the negro man to St. Agnes Hospital. The stranger's skull is crushed and there is no hope of recovery.

**H. C. HUNTER DEAD.**  
Former Resident of Durham Passes In Petersburg.

Durham, March 13.—H. C. Hunter, for many years a resident of this city, and who went to Petersburg, Va., some ten years ago to fill the superintendence of the British-American Tobacco Co., at that place, died there Friday afternoon from a stroke of paralysis. His remains were brought to this city and taken to the home of his daughter Mrs. E. J. Helen, and the funeral will take place tomorrow. He was 53 years of age, and was the adopted son of the late Capt. and Mrs. J. G. Hunter of Granville who died here some years ago. He is survived by his wife, before her marriage was Miss Mattie Christian, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Christian, of this city, and six daughters and one son—Mrs. F. A. Warner, of Wilson; Mrs. E. J. Hulen, of Durham; Mrs. Elmer Briston of Wytheville, Va.; Mrs. Herbert Wells, Misses Nellie and Helen, and Harry Hunter all of Petersburg, Va.

## CLAIM ADVENTURESS LURES INDIAN INTO MARRIAGE

Topeka, Kan., March 13.—After a hearing to effect the return of Jackson Barnett, 70-year-old millionaire Indian, to his federal guardian, the Supreme court this afternoon announced that it would take the case under advisement. A decision is not expected for several

days, it was said. Barnett and his two weeks' bride attended the hearing.

Barnett and his young wife were brought to Topeka early today from Coffeyville where they have been living since their marriage. The Supreme court was asked in a petition filed by Barnett's guardian, Carl O'Hornet, of Henryetta, Okla., to have the Indian placed in custody of the court. In his petition O'Hornet charged the bride, who was Mrs. Anna Laura Lowe, with being an adventuress of pronounced type and that she lured Barnett "by artifice and designing motives."

According to O'Hornet the Indian has an annual income from oil royalties of \$100,000 a year.

## Durham Lawyer In Hurry To Ratify Equal Suffrage

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tions will swing. If Delaware turns the amendment down, North Carolina will have the opportunity of deferring suffrage for two years just as it will have the chance to make it possible by June.

Save Money on Meat.

The week beginning April 5 will be save money on meat in North Carolina according to announcement from the Department of Justice today.

During this week an effort will be made to reduce materially the prices of the cuts of beef, pork and lamb now in heavy demand by showing consumers the advantage of turning to those which are equally meritorious but which cost less.

The campaign will be conducted through the fair price commissioner in each State, in North Carolina under the direction of Henry A. Page. On each day of the week some particular cut or cuts of the inexpensive variety will be featured and sold at a low price. Retailers who hitherto have not carried in stock some of the less costly cuts because their customers did not ask for them intend to lay in an adequate supply of such portions of meat. If the consumers will take advantage of the highly nutritious and palatable pieces of meat which are relatively inexpensive, the saving effected will be tremendous and the slackened demand for the cuts now popular will result in lower prices theron. Under present conditions, the price of the choice cuts are in extreme instances fifty or sixty cents higher per pound than the price of other goods, wholesome meat from the same animal.

Searching For Officer.

The adjutant general of the army is conducting a nation wide hunt to locate Lieutenant William Cecil Rymer, Henderson county officer, who mysteriously disappeared from Camp Beaufort, Ga., on the night of January 27 last.

The office of the adjutant general was interested in the case through a letter written by Frank Nash, assistant attorney general of North Carolina, to Senator Lee S. Overman. Mr. Nash is a friend of young Rymer's wife, who was for a time librarian at the University of North Carolina.

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